(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the draft legislation has been circulated to the Trade Unions; and

(d) if so, their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (d) The Government have proposed to enact legislation for unorganised sector workers keeping in view the recommendations of Second National Labour Commission. The proposed law envisages social security and welfare measures for the workers in the unorganised sector. The draft legislation for the unorganised sector workers has been circulated to the Trade Unions for their views.

Functioning of PF sub-office at Kollam

1034. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sub-office of Provident Fund at Kollam in Kerala has started functioning;

(b) the staff strength allotted to the office and the district which stands set apart for this office;

(c) whether Government consider to reveal the year and date on which a decision was originally taken to start the above office at Kollam;

(d) whether Government consider to expand the present strength and coverage of this office; and

(e) whether Government consider to introduce computerization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Decision was taken on 25.10.2002 to open a Sub-Regional Office at Kollam. However, the Office could not start functioning due to non-availability of suitable accommodation.

(d) The coverage of this Office will depend upon requirement in the

region and the staff strength of the Office will be determined on the basis of coverage.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Privatisation of EPF

1035. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to privatise Employees Provident Fund;

(b) whether there is any demand from the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority (IRDA) to privatise the EPF; and

(c) if so, what are the alternative schemes suggested by the IRDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal.

Government's decision on Labour Commission Report

†1036. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decisions on the Report of the Labour Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Government propose to take decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) The Second National Commission on Labour in its report has made a wide ranging recommendations on various facets of labour *viz.* review of laws, social security, women and child labour, skill development, labour administration, unorganised sector etc. The Ministry has held consultations and interactions with the workers' representatives, employers' organizations, experts, professionals etc. The recommendations of the Commission were discussed in the 38th Session of Indian Labour Conference held on 28-29 September 2002 and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.